

Poison Prevention Week Proclaimed Here by Isen

"We all can and must take action to curtail the growing incidence of accidental poisonings," Mayor Albert Isen said today as he proclaimed "National Poison Prevention Week" in Torrance.

The observance, designed to call attention to the increasing incidence of poisonings in the home, will continue through Saturday.

Locally, the observance is being sponsored by the Poison Information Center at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. The center provides 24-hour service to physicians and hospitals and is capable of providing information on some 70,000 toxins.

"The greatest danger of accidental poisoning is to children under 4 years of age," Isen said, "and in most cases these tragedies could have been prevented."

Household products, prescriptions, common plants, and patent drugs most often are the source for accidental poisonings. Theme of National Poison Prevention Week is "Find the Poisons in Your Home before Your Child Does."

Western Avenue Improvement Set

A five-way agreement with the State Division of Highways calling for reconstruction of nearly 10 miles of Western Avenue has been approved by the State Highway Commission.

Parties to the agreement include the cities of Torrance, Lomita, and Los Angeles, and the County of Los Angeles.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$2,620,000. The state will pay \$1,310,000 for its share of the work.

J. C. Womack, state highway engineer, said plans call for the construction of a four-lane, divided highway between 25th Street in San Pedro and the San Diego Freeway in Torrance.

Western Avenue varies from two to four lanes within a right-of-way of 100 feet along most of the 10-mile section, Womack said.

ECC Names Winners At Annual Press Day

Pens, pencils, and typewriters were in abundance on the campus at El Camino during the 13th annual high school press day sponsored by the ECC department of journalism.

More than 350 students representing 20 area high schools participated in the day-long program that began with an address by speaker William H. Thompson, community services director for the Union Oil Co.

Following Thompson's presentation, the students were invited to attend workshop sessions in editorial, feature, news and sports writing.

From the discussions and information received during the workshops, the young writers composed their own stories for submission to a panel of judges.

Final awards were made in each category to a first, second, third and honorable mention selection.

THE FOUR FIRST PLACE winners selected were Mike Chaitoff, Hawthorne, news; Todd Gulick, Bishop Montgomery, editorial; Steve Schmitz, North, sports, and Fred Bronson, Culver City, feature.

Other winners in the news divisions of the writers tournament were second place, Jim Greenwald, Redondo Beach; third place, Susan Ono, Gardena, and honorable mention, Bill Aitken, Rolling Hills.

Receiving honors for editorials were second place Chip Chillington, Redondo Beach and third place, Neal Snidow, Redondo.

Winners in the sports category were second place, Don

Weber, South and third place, third place, Carol Perry, El Don Brooks, North High. Segundo; honorable mention, Jim Bramhall, West; Annette Award winning feature writers: second place, Pat McLaughlin, Redondo Beach; Westmoreland, Aviation and Gay Aegerter, South.



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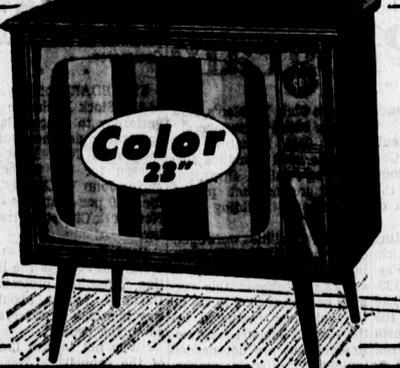


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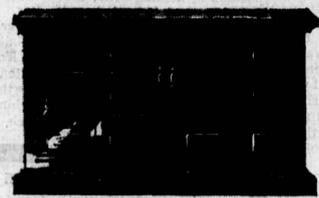
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